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Memorandum

To: Planning and Development Committee
From: Wayne Dust, Planning Administrator
Re: Proposed Amendments to the 2020 Plan
Date: March 24, 2008

Proposed 2020 Plan Amendments

March 2008

Staff of the Planning Division has prepared a series of Proposed Amendments to the 2020 Plan, which had been adopted in September of 2004. These Proposed Amendments are in response to the following major changes since that time. First, several neighborhood plans and corridor plans have been adopted since that time. Second, there is a need for additional text to describe recent programs and initiatives that have been approved by City Council such as the new TIF districts and the River Edge Zone as well as the general need to bring the text up to date. Third, there is a need to update the 2020 Plan Maps to reflect the changes in land uses stemming from public investments such as the Criminal Justice Center and new sanitary trunk sewers that have been prioritized or implemented during the past three years.

In summary, staff is recommending the following amendments to the 2020 Plan

1. The following items be Adopted by reference (and added as new appendices):
 - RATS Year 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (replaces their 2025 version);
 - Strategic Revitalization Plan for North Main and Auburn Business District (prepared by Teska and Associates; approved by City Council in 2005);
 - South Rockford Target Plan (prepared for the City by SWIFTT);
 - Envision North Main Corridor Plan (prepared by Hitchcock Design Group; approved by City Council last year);
 - HOPE VI Neighborhood Plan (completed in 2008); and
 - College-Seminary Neighborhood Plan (completed in 2008).
2. The following text be added and incorporated into the Plan text:
 - Table showing planned land use by category and acreages (not done in the original due to lack of GIS capabilities at the time);
 - The following economic development initiatives/strategies

- i) River Edge Redevelopment Zone
- ii) RAEDC (original contains text on Council of 100)
- iii) Additional TIF districts (will have map only for each of the dozen or so that have been added)

3. Several maps be changed for the following reasons:

- Bringing our Plan maps into conformance with the Springfield Corridor Plan (already adopted by the City);
- New sanitary sewer extensions in the North Branch of Kent Creek and in the Kishwaukee/ Kilbuck Basin;
and
- New public uses (primarily the County's Justice Center and the new federal courthouse).

The proposed Amendments are attached for your review.

cc: Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
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